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AFDROUGHT

SUBJECT: FAO VIEWS ON FOOD SITUATION - SAHEL

SUMMARY: DISCUSSIONS WITH NEHEMIAH FOLLOWING FAO/WFP FIELD REPS MEETING IN ACCRA JANUARY 30 INDICATES GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH FOOD COMMITMENTS BEING MADE, FEELING OF "SUFFICIENCY" EXCEPT FOR NIGER AND MALI, NEED FOR FURTHER CAREFUL RATIONALIZATION (AND SOME SPEEDING UP) OF DONOR SHIPMENTS, FURTHER ATTENTION TO INTERNAL MOVEMENT AND STORAGE PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY NIGER, MALI, CHAD - AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT LACK OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAO SPECIAL FUND FOR SAHEL.

1. FAO REPS PRINCIPALLY NEHEMIAH ARE PREPARING SYNOPSIS OF CONCLUSIONS FROM ACCRA MEETING WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BRUSSELS MEETING FEBRUARY 12, MEANTIME SOME PERSONAL REFLECTIONS MAY BE HELPFUL, BUT THEY ALSO MAY NOT CONFORM COMPLETELY TO WHAT FAO REPS MAY BE ABLE TO SAY AT INTERNATIONAL OR PUBLIC GATHERINGS.

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2. FOR VARIETY REASONS OF WHICH EARLY U.S. COMMITMENTS AND SHIPPING FAR FROM LEAST, GENERAL SUPPLY PICTURE FAR BETTER THAN LAST YEAR AND GENERALLY QUITE SATISFACTORY. DESPITE CONTINUING CLAIMS VARIOUS GOVT'S FOR ADDITIONAL HELP WHICH FAO FINDS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH, FEELING IS THAT COMMITMENTS ALREADY QUITE FIRM ARE GENERALLY SUFFICIENT FOR MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA AND CHAD. GAMBIA NOT CONSIDERED A PROBLEM. INTERNAL SITUATION ALSO WELL IN HAND MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL. NIGER APPARENTLY PECKS BAD BOY, NOT ONLY WITH ITS OWN DIFFICULTIES BUT INSUFFICIENTLY COOPERATIVE RE SUCH THINGS AS TRUCKING TRANSIT RIGHTS. ALSO FELT TO BE NOT SUFFICIENTLY CANDID AND FORTHCOMING ABOUT ITS OWN SITUATION TO PERMIT OUTSIDERS TO HAVE GOOD FIX ON REQUIREMENTS AND ON MEANS TO BE MOST USEFUL.

3. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS LIKELY TO BE MADE AT BRUSSELS FOR FURTHER SUPPLY, WHICH OSRO BELIEVES CAN BE HANDLED FROM UNALLOCATED PORTIONS OF COMMITMENTS ALREADY COUNTED ON, ARE ADDITIONAL 55,000 TONS FOR NIGER AND 30,000 FOR MALI. APPARENTLY NIGER HAS TAKEN NO STEPS TO SECURE THE "CONCESSIONAL" SUPPLIES RECOMMENDED BY THE MULTI-DONOR MISSION, BUT ADDING 55,000 TO CURRENT DONATION COMMITMENTS WOULD TAKE CARE OF HALF. MALI HAS COMMITMENTS OF ABOUT 100,000 TONS OR NEARLY ALL THE REGULAR DONATIONS OF THE MULTI-DONOR REPORT AND ADDITIONAL 30,000 WOULD COVER ABOUT HALF OF CONCESSIONAL ADDITION. MALI IS ATTEMPTING TO PROCURE UP TO 70,000 TONS CONCESSIONAL BUT RESULTS NOT KNOWN.

4. OSRO STILL WORKING ON SCHEME FOR RATIONALIZATION SHIPPING AND FOR INTERNAL MOVEMENTS. STEVENSON, COSTARD (BORROWED FROM SOCAPAO) AND GOLDING PREPARED DISCUSS IN DETAIL AT BRUSSELS (AND WILL TRY OBTAIN CONCURRENCE ON SHIPPING PLANS.) WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE WELL BRIEFED ON PRESENT PLANS AND DEGREE LATITUDE FOR SHIPPING REMAINDER COMMITMENT. UNDOUBTEDLY WILL DEVELOP OTHER DONORS NOT SHIPPING EARLY ENOUGH FOR MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE ENTIRE PROGRAM.

5. FIGURES USED BY OSRO AT ACCRA MEETING ON STATUS OF NEW COMMITMENTS PROBABLY WON'T BE CHANGED MUCH. TOTAL INCLUDING UNALLOCATED BY COUNTRY, APPROXIMATES 510,000 TONS. BY DONOR IN ROUND FIGURES IN THOUSANDS, WITH 24 BROKEN OUT OF US FIGURES AND SHOWN AS WFP BY COUNTRIES OF EXPECTED ALLOCATION, IT INCLUDES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US 226 OF WHICH 91 UNALLOCATED, WFP 24 EEC 110 OF WHICH 20 UNALLOCATED

FAC 74.5 OF WHICH 24.5 UNALLOCATED USSR 15.5 (MAURITANIA 3, MALI 10 NIGER 2.5) CANADA 2 (UPPER VOLTA), GERMANY 37 OF WHICH 6 UNALLOCATED CHINA 8 FOR MAURITANIA, FINLAND 3 FOR CHAD, HUNGARY 5 UNALLOCATED (ASSIGNED TO FAO) SWEDEN 5 EST (6MILLION KRONER) UNALLOCATED. THIS TOTALS ABOUT 151 UNALLOCATED AND ALLOCATED MAURITANIA 44 SENEGAL 26 MALI 101, UPPER VOLTA 46, NIGER 97, CHAD 43.

6. ABOVE FIGURES ARE ABOUT SAME AS IN ROME 797 WITH ADDITION  
USSR 10 FOR MALI, 3 FOR NIGER, CHINA 8 FOR MAURITANIA, FINLAND 3  
FOR CHAD. DELETE ROMANIA. GERMANY DELETE 6 SENEGAL INCLUDE IN  
UNALLOCATED (POSSIBLY ALSO 3 UV).

7. SITUATION RE SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTIVE FOODS NOT TOO CLEAR.  
TRUST DONORS WILL HAVE INFO AT BURSSELS.

8. OSRO OBVIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED AT LACK OF RESPONSE TO APPEAL FOR  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL FUND. VOLPE

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